

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of proclaiming January 2012 as
National Blood Donor Month

RESOLUTION NO. 2012/23

WHEREAS, donating blood is a lifesaving gift that many are capable of giving; and

WHEREAS, thirty-eight percent of the public is capable to donate, yet fewer than eight percent of these individuals volunteer to donate; and

WHEREAS, additional healthy volunteers are needed on a regular basis to join the ranks of those who already give of themselves so generously; and

WHEREAS, the need to ensure an adequate blood supply is great, especially during the winter months when blood inventory runs low because of the contrast between increased illness and decreased donor turnout; and

WHEREAS, giving blood is like giving the "Gift of Life" as three lives may potentially be saved by one donation; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing need for blood is apparent in hospitals and treatment facilities for patients with cancer, diseases, organ transplants and to save the lives of accident victims; and

WHEREAS, there is a shortage of blood in the Northern California Blood Services Region as 130,000 pints of blood are distributed, while only one 100,000 pints are collected in the region annually

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims January 2012 as National Blood Donor Month.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 17th day of January, 2012.

MARY N. PIRPHO
Chair
District III Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF
District IV Supervisor

GAYLE B. UILKEMA
District II Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER
District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: January 17, 2012

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and
County Administrator

By Stacey M. Boyd Deputy

Introduced by Supervisor Karen Mitchoff